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dear Mother
I received your letter of the 10th inst. and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you the same.
I am very much interested in the
progress of the cause and hope to see
many more converts to the true faith.
I am, dear Mother, your affectionate son,
John Smith



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you tell me I think you
enjoyed it very much
I am sure glad the young day
passed so quietly. I feel at
last as if I had done my duty
and that
Miss Anne has left through
I was a little bit but she
seemed to fill the place as
satisfactorily that it is a pity she
should ever have left it
though I feel it as a relief
to have her quite once more.
I suppose you are a great deal
of the day with the penicillin
injection of the dandruff. My best wish I may for
you to get to your home with
ease and have a peaceful one
home of "the artist's reception" by get off. I had a little
this morning a public curiosity to see this all
when there are a collection


of studios in tenth street
known as the "Studios Building".
These rooms are all hung
with pictures and, once
or twice in the course of
the winter cards are issued
for as many people as the
rooms will conveniently
hold and are given by the
artists to their friends, as it
is a perfectly informal affair
I could go I saw many fine
pictures and also the view of
the river. Mr. "Booth" the
actor who is turning the
rooms into a theatre would upside
down. My best wish I may for
you to go to Carrytown, spot
nowhere if I can construct
by get off. I had a little
this morning a public curiosity to see this all
when there are a collection

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and see whether I can also
be admitted, I wonder how it
feels to be in love, I am afraid
I am strong. I may also possibly
get to Newburgh to see Mrs.
Selena as by the way is in
town just now, you know
she is a great friend of mine
I should like you to know her.

Now I think, knowing your
feelings on the subject that
of course you are desirous of
congratulating or in some
way showing your approval
of Helen Jackson's engagement
therefore I will ^{kindly} ~~write~~ as from
you some such message as
the following. "Not being able
to do so in person, I shall
by letter through ^{you} ~~I~~ ^{must} ~~express~~
my sincere and heartfelt joy
at the news of your engagement

May 10, 1861

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And as a proof of my sincerity
intend to follow  your example
as soon as an opportunity of
pro.. I wait your approval.
Tell me is the report of Miss
Lane's engagement to Mr. Can-
hale true, you know they
had been married in all the
papers poor thing. I did not
believe it as I thought you would
have told me had it been so.
I am glad you heard Mr.
Chingman speak, though his
conduct is not what it ought
to have been I still retain suf-
ficient interest in him to
make me pleased to hear of
his doing anything well, indeed
he has very nice ways when he
chooses. What a Godsend Mrs

But must be to you, you must
remember me to her, I expect
she has gone through a great
deal of suffering, what has become
of her family. I am incensed
to see by your letter that that
poor Willie is still in ex-
istence why do you not take
advantage of Holborn's leave
to ^{give} yourself of that part, when
I think of what your mother
and I went through last
spring, mind and stomach
alike revolt. What you tell me
about the "Fair Ella" does not in
the least surprise me, she al-
ways was extremely nervous
to me, probably she will be
satisfied in the mate I pity
him. I have not yet had a
"Carte de visite" taken every thing
of the photographic kind

makes me look frightfully
hideously ugly therefore as for
your mother's cake feminine
feelings step in, however I shall
have to come to it - I expect
latterly I have had so many
applications, so I am on the
look out for a flattering artist
send me one of yours if the
expression is more amiable
than the one I have, if it is
not, I do not want it. The
weather just now is very un-
pleasant not cold and windy
it has been almost impossible
to go out in the street for the
last, about two weeks ago we
had some very warm weather
just enough to bring buds on
the trees and to give everybody
cold, and nearly had for
price for it indeed, I hope

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Your fruit will not be cut
off as you seem to think it
is a dreadful loss. The mulberry
is still flourishing Bella and I
lost some very sweet I mean
for the same, our Italian class
also prospers, it takes up a great
deal of my time more than I care
to spend, but we really learn a
great deal. Much yet is improving
morally I think as well as phy-
sically I only wish I could send
him to Europe, he sometimes
tosses about thoughts of going
South but that I am afraid
would not have the same a-
moralizing effect. Your grand-
mother's diligence is wonderful
I never thought she would finish
the curtains, I am afraid how-
ever there has been many